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# **LGBT FILM FESTIVAL 2016**

Norfolk Public Library to host two-day film festival leading up to Hampton Roads PrideFest

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk Public Library is joined by Hampton Roads Pride, PFLAG, and the LGBT Center of Hampton Roads in presenting Norfolk Public Library's first LGBT Film Festival. Four films will be shown with special guest-led discussion following each film. All movies will be shown at Slover Library (235 E. Plume Street, Norfolk). Admission is free.

### Saturday, June 11, 12 noon: To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar (PG-13)

En route from New York City to Hollywood for a drag queen beauty pageant, Noxeema, Vida and Chi Chi are stranded in a tiny Midwestern town when their 1967 Cadillac breaks down. When their glitz and glamour wake up the sleepy local citizens, the stage is set for an outrageously funny weekend.

Discussion Led By: Carolyn Caywood, President of PFLAG

# Saturday, June 11, 3pm: Milk (R)

From senior citizens to union workers, San Francisco Mayor Harvey Milk changed the very nature of what it means to be a fighter for human rights and became, before his untimely death in 1978, a hero for all Americans.

Discussion Led By: Dr. Charles H. Ford, Professor and Coordinator, History, Norfolk State University; Member, Board of Trustees, Norfolk Public Library

# Saturday, June 11, 7pm: But I'm a Cheerleader (R)

Megan has it all; she's popular, a model student, dates the captain of the football team, and she's a cheerleader. Everything seems perfect, but the fun begins when her hormones start to rage, and her friends and family worry where she'll find love.

Discussion Led By: Mary Aab, Director of the LGBT Center of Hampton Roads

Sunday, June 12, 1-2pm:

Film Festival Social Hour

## Sunday, June 12, 2pm: Pride (R)

The inspirational true story of the U.K. gay activists who assisted miners during their extended strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984.

Discussion Led By: Cathleen Rhodes, Lecturer in English, Old Dominion University

#### **About Norfolk Public Library:**

The Norfolk Public Library offers access to information, books, programs, and online resources to meet the needs of our diverse community for life-long learning. The library system consists of one main library, ten branch libraries, one anchor branch library, and a Bookmobile. All programs are FREE of charge. Visit www.norfolkpubliclibrary.org or call us at (757) 664-READ for more information. *NPL- Creating a City of Readers*.

#### **About The LGBT Center of Hampton Roads**

"ACCESS AIDS Care provides programs and services to individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS in Hampton Roads. Our goal is to promote the dignity and wellness of adults, families, youth and children affected by HIV/AIDS. Primary services include HIV medical case management, medication assistance, transportation services, permanent supportive housing and HIV prevention through education and testing.

ACCESS AIDS Care opened The LGBT Center of Hampton Roads in 2011. The mission of the Center is to provide a safe space, services, resources, education and support to the LGBT community of Hampton Roads. The Center is committed to fulfilling the diverse social needs of the Hampton Roads LGBT community by hosting weekly social and educational events to help improve an individual's quality of life. For more information, please visit www.accessaids.org or call (757) 640-0929."

#### **About Hampton Roads Pride**

Hampton Roads Pride exists to empower all LGBT and allied people. It encourages them to stand as unique individuals and together as a community with creative, social, economic and influential force. The festival brings together the LGBT Community and its allies to socialize, support one another, share ideas and organize in a visible and positive environment. It also serves to educate the public about our issues, raise funds for our cause, and build trust and bonds with our supporters. See more at: http://www.hamptonroadspride.org/

#### **About PLAG**

Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the original family and ally organization. Made up of parents, families, friends, and allies uniting with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality through its mission of support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG has more than 350 chapters and 200,000 supporters crossing multiple generations of American families in major urban centers, small cities, and rural areas in all 50 states. To learn more, visit www.pflag.org and for PFLAG of Norfolk/South Hampton Roads visit Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-NorfolkSouth-Hampton-Roads/302569226426712">https://www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-NorfolkSouth-Hampton-Roads/302569226426712</a>